

Art Unit: 3700

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CLAIMS 1-3 (cancelled)

4. A method for irrigating a tract wound comprising:
providing an elongate flexible shaft having a proximal end, a distal end, a suction lumen and an irrigation lumen, the suction and irrigation lumens extending through the shaft and being open at the distal end of the shaft; and

advancing the flexible shaft into and through the tract wound, the shaft being sufficiently flexible to enable it to bend through at least an angle of 90° at a radius at least as small as five-eighths of an inch, without substantially adversely affecting the functioning of the lumens, including maintaining the ability of the irrigation lumen to emit irrigation liquid at a stagnation pressure of about 15 p.s.i. while the shaft is bent at said angle and at said radius.

5. A method as defined in claim 4 further comprising:
advancing the shaft to place its distal extremity at the distal end of the tract wound to enable liquid emitted from the distal end of the shaft to be directed at the distal end of the wound.